

Fishing Creek and Swatara Creek where they run side by side on the north side of the Blue Mountain about two miles west of the present town of Pine Grove. This land was a little more than twelve miles north of that warranted to Nicholas' brother, Adam, eight years earlier. As Pennsylvania's counties developed through subdivision, this location has been considered at various times a portion of Lancaster, Lebanon, Dauphin and Berks counties but now a portion of Pine Grove township in Schuylkill County. Nicholas established a farm here and may also have worked at his pottery trade. We find him serving as "Overseer of the Poor" in 1766 and taxed in 1782 for "150 acres, 3 horses and 3 cattle."

Requirements to become an American citizen were: (1) Inhabitant must have lived in America for seven years or more, (2) Inhabitant cannot have absented himself from America for a period longer than two months and (3) Inhabitant must have taken Communion within the three months preceding application. On September 10, 1761 the brothers Nicholas and Adam became naturalized American citizens together at the Supreme court of Philadelphia with the notation:

Adam New of Lancaster; took communion on 2 August 1761

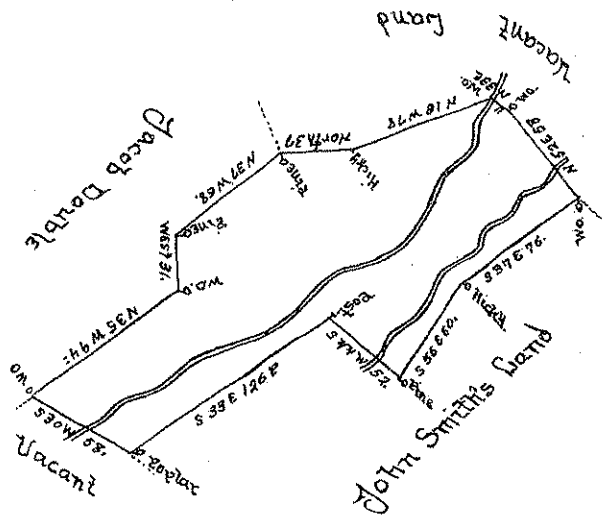
Nicholas New of Lancaster; took communion on 30 August 1761.

Earlier German settlers had already formed Lutheran Congregations in the area, the earliest known being along the Quittapahilla and Swatara Creeks. The Quittapahilla Congregation, later known as the Hill Church was organized in 1733 and Bindagles congregation on the Swatara was organized in 1745. The Neus attended services in both of these churches.

Children:

- \*1 Johannes Nicholas, bapt. Apr. 22, 1742 in Kleinich, Ger.
- \*2 Maria Elizabetha, bapt. June 4, 1743 in Kleinich.
- \*3 Johannes Michael, b. Oct. 4, 1744 in Kleinich.
- \*4 Johannes Phillip, b. Oct. 3, 1750 in Lebanon Co.
- \*5 Johannes Peter, b. July 1753 in Lebanon Co.

Bindnagle Church records.  
Rev. Stover's records.



By virtue of an Application dated the 5th day of August 1765. No 183 ~ Surveyed the 14th day of January 1766 unto Nicholas High the above described tract of land situate on the Waters of Fishing Creek over the Blue Mountains in Lancaster Township Lancaster County. contg. One hundred thirty one Acres - Allowance of six Cent. ~ 1769

Free Soil -

LAND WARRANTED TO JOHANN NICHOLAS NEU

Along Fishing Creek and a branch of Swatara Creek north of the Blue Mountains